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MAY 26TH, 1948 12:30 P. M. ..

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SPEAKER

KING PETER OF YUGOSLAVIA

King Peter of Yugoslavia, young exiled monarch, escaped to Egypt after the fall of organized resistance in his country. He stayed in Egypt during part of the war and then went to London, where he was engaged in war work. He has been in constant touch with the Serbian underground of Yugoslavia. Queen Alexandra will accompany the King, who will speak on

YUGOSLAVIA AND ITS FUTURE

King Peter has agreed to answer questions on the record after his brief speech.

NOTICE ... COCKTAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM NOON TO 12:30 P.M. THE LUNCHEON
WILL BE FINISHED AT 2 P.M.

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KEEP THE DATE OF JUNE 13TH, SUNDAY, OPEN FOR AN OUTING AT HOLIDAY LODGE, NORTHPORT,
LONG ISLAND. SWIMMING, BOATING, FISHING, AND OUTDOOR SPORTS ALL DAY, AND A DINNER
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The Annual Meetings of the Officers and Directors of the Correspondents Fund of the Overseas Press Club of America, Inc. will take place on Monday evening, May 24th at a dinner at the Lotos Club, 5 E. 66th St., at 7 P.M., according to Lowell Thomas, President and Lucian Kirtland, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. The vacancy left in the Secretaryship by the death of Paul Harvey will be taken up at this meeting as well as other pertinent matters of the Fund.

Arthur Fletcher has indicated to the OPC office that the UN recruiting office in Paris will be interested in several newsmen for three month jobs. The jobs are for the Assembly starting September 16th. Jerry Szapiro, External Services Director, hopes that the recruiting will be done in June when he will be in Paris.

Cornelius Ryan is now assistant publisher of the magazine '48, which is cooperatively owned by writers, artists and photographers.

Members of the club were shocked to hear of the tragic death of George Polk, correspondent for the Columbia Broadcasting Co. His body was found Sunday, May 16th, in Salonika Bay. CBS had not heard from him for two weeks prior to that date but he had indicated that he was going to contact General Markos of the Greek guerrilla forces. Winston Burdette and John Secondari were sent from the CBS Rome office to conduct a special investigation. Polk's feet had been bound and two bullet wounds were found in his body. Many OPC members knew Polk very well. He had been in the Middle East for some time and planned to take time off to write a book about it. He was an inactive member.

Tom Johnson, one of the Governors of the Club, has presented President Chaplin with a dinner bell, which shall be rung at meetings--- to get them started promptly.

Grace Davidson of the Boston Post has returned from a special junket of Boston journalists to cover the Italian elections. Air France flew over for the trip Bill Cunningham of the Boston Herald; and MBS; Austen Lake of the Boston American; Charles Merrill, editor of the Boston Globe and Henry Heywood, a Christian Science Monitor editor. The Boston gang worked like mad for competition in that crowd is keen. Bill, Charles and Grace were received by the Pope on election Day. Grace interviewed Paul Reynaud, now 72 years old, in Paris, and predicts that if a crisis develops, he might "take over".

The Boston "G. D. Associates" of which Davidson will be President, report that American cars are called "Marshall Plan limousines" in Paris and that their impression is that the rich in Europe were never richer and the poor never poorer. They saw Henry Cassidy of NBC at the Hotel Excelsior in Rome and Geoffrey Parsons, editor of the Herald Tribune in Paris. It appears that Goeff is a former Boston Globe man.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR COPY OF THE WHO'S WHO, PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE AS IT WAS MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS THE LAST WEEK IN MARCH.

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David Oliver of Warner Pathé News is taking four crews to cover the convention of the Republicans in Philly. Then he will go to cover a story in Alaska for the summer months and subsequently do a series of pictures through Alaska.

Jessie Stearns, one of our Washington contingent, is now with the Economic Cooperation Administration, in the press information section.

Greetings to members from Dave Darrah of Paris and Preston Grover of the AP office in Paris. "Hello" from Bob Sturdevant of ABC in Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Daniell of the New York Times in London.

Charles Coltman is now Regional Information Representative of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations for China, Indo-China, Siam and the Philippines. His office is in the Foochang Bldg., 57 Chung Sung Road, Nanking, China.

Croswell Bowen has left the staff of PM to write for the New Yorker magazine. Bowen says that the cleavage of opinion between communist and reactionary is so sharp that the place of the "true liberal" is constantly under fire from both extremes.

Robert Parker, formerly head of the International News Service Bureau in Paris, has returned to the United States and is in Washington, D.C.

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Ed Dowell will move to New York from Portland, Oregon, the end of this month. He will work for the N.Y. Herald Tribune -- with emphasis on the European edition.

N. F. Allman has returned to Shanghai, China, and is doing some articles for the China Press and the Shun Pao. While he was in the States, he attended many of the luncheons and writes that he enjoyed them very much. Allman thinks the clubrooms, consisting of two very large rooms, comfortably furnished, overlooking Times Square, make an ideal spot for the club and he writes that the library, current publications, reading and writing facilities make the club a fine meeting place for journalists in New York for a short visit or a long stay.

Max Boyd, chief of Bureau of the AP in Cairo, Egypt, was part of a caravan forced to disperse when it came under machine gun fire while entering the Holy Land recently. OPC jokesters are asking if Max, who was a chicken colonel PRO for the Strategic Air Forces in Europe during the war, is now accredited as a correspondent to the Arab forces with, perhaps, the assimilated rank of sheik.

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THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OPC OFFICE. They are posted here BEFORE BEING PASSED UPON BY THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE. Send in your complaints, recommendations and comments to the Secretary, who will pass them along to the Admissions Committee.

ACTIVE:

Weldon James, Collier's. China and Spain for the United Press, 1937-39; London for PM in 1941; Far East and Middle East and Africa for Collier's, 1946 to 1948.

ROBERT MAGIDOFF, National Broadcasting Company and McGraw Hill Publications. Moscow, USSR for Associated Press from 1938 to 1942; for NBC 1941 to 1948 and for Business Week of McGraw-Hill from 1937 to 1948.

MARCEL WALLENSTEIN, Freelancing. London correspondent for the Kansas City Star, 1922-1947; Managing Editor, Planet News, Ltd., London, 1927-47. European coverage for KCS from 1939 to 1946 as war correspondent.

John McCutcheon Raleigh, of Station WCAU, has just begun a television show which will run from 6:45 to 7 p.m. as a Philadelphia Bulletin news feature. This gives John a non-stop daily work schedule from 5 a.m. in the newsroom to prepare his regular 7:45 to 8 a.m. morning show right through to seven at nite. John, lucky guy, has Sundays off.

Kathryn Cravens received first prize in class one of the novel contest of the National League of American Pen Women for her first novel "Pursuit of Gentlemen" at their annual meeting in Washington on May 15. She also won two awards in poetry. She was received at the White House and will fly to Texas this week for a vacation.

DOES ANYONE HAVE A 1940 OR 1941 PACKARD WHICH THEY WANT TO SELL? CALL THE OFFICE.

Bruno Shaw authored an article in the May 1st issue of the Saturday Evening Post. Entitled "Platform Promises Are The Bunk", the piece deals with the Democratic Party's platform. Shaw says "loyalty to one's ideals precludes unswervable loyalty to any political party," and describes himself as a "democrat with doubts."

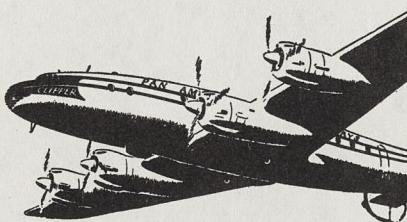
Ron Schiller of the United Nations World left for Palestine and the Middle East last week, just stopping in New York long enough to get his breath from a trip to South America; spend \$80 for visas for the various countries he is to cover and drop some cash in a farewell poker game with some cronies around town.

Sonia Tomara, in Berlin, writes that mail seems to take ages to reach there -- a letter from Paris taking about two weeks. She is comfortable in the American zone -- with a lovely house, two servants and a driver.

Frank Miles, editorial director of the Locker Operator in Des Moines, Iowa, had a war anecdote in the Saturday Evening Post of April 4th and also a feature article in the April issue of True Magazine.

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Ben Gross, radio columnist for the N.Y. Daily News, will be the chief commentator for the television Station WPIX at the Republican Convention in Philadelphia on June 20th. W. W. Chaplin will cover the convention for NBC; John Daly for CBS; Pauline Frederick for ABC. Many OPC members are scheduled to cover the convention --- a final count will be made next week on this assignment.

Ed Murrow, commentator for the Columbia Broadcasting Co., has conducted a series of interviews with Presidential aspirants. In preparing for the program, Murrow asked listeners to send him "the kind of questions you would ask if you were sitting across the table from the men who are seeking nominations." Norman Thomas, Senator Taft, Harold Stassen, Earl Warren and Henry Wallace have or will appear.

One hundred and eighty-five members and guests attended the luncheon of May 12, at which Robert Magidoff of NBC and McGraw-Hill spoke. Among those present were Wayne Adams of the Chicago Sun Bureau, guest of Mark Gaynor; Paul Friedlander, N.Y. Times Travel editor; Dean Jennings, Satevepost; George Scuyler, editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, guest of Isaac Don Levine, editor of Plain Talk; Catherine Coyne of the Boston Herald and J.H. Ritman, head of the Netherlands Government Information Center at Batavia (who was interested in seeing how the correspondents he takes care of in the East Indies act at home) and Frederick Borg, of Collier's, guest of Temple Fielding.

Magidoff told the club that the first he knew of the Russian move against him came with a call from Eddy Gilmore of AP. When he told Gilmore that he knew nothing, Bob asked Gilmore for the details. But Gilmore had to rush away at that point and did not explain further. Magidoff had been preparing for a trip to countries behind the iron curtain and does not know if his oust was effected in order to prevent this trip or not. As this reporter speaks Russian fluently, and married a Russian girl, he had many friends among the Russian artists in Moscow. His secretary who denounced him had owed him 900 roubles for about a year. The day the story broke, he found the 900 roubles on his desk with a little Thank You note.

Magidoff said that Stalin does not possess a personal dictatorship as the USSR is run by the Communist party on a social theory. Thirty years of unlimited power have not corrupted the party. Molotoff would be the next prime minister if Stalin dies, according to this correspondent, who said that the Soviets regard all newspapermen as spies and represent them as such to the people. The attack on him will strengthen this idea being given the Russians.

Bob feels that the American press is not helping much in the cold war as it stresses the fact that a war is coming on whereas the Soviet press stresses the ideological conflict of the two nations. Magidoff said that the number of people in concentration camps is probably much smaller than supposed, around or under five million, because the Russians have found that this form of punishment does not work.

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Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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